REMARKS

In response to the paper mailed May 14, 2003, a clean copy of amended claim 17 is presented herewith. Allowance of the application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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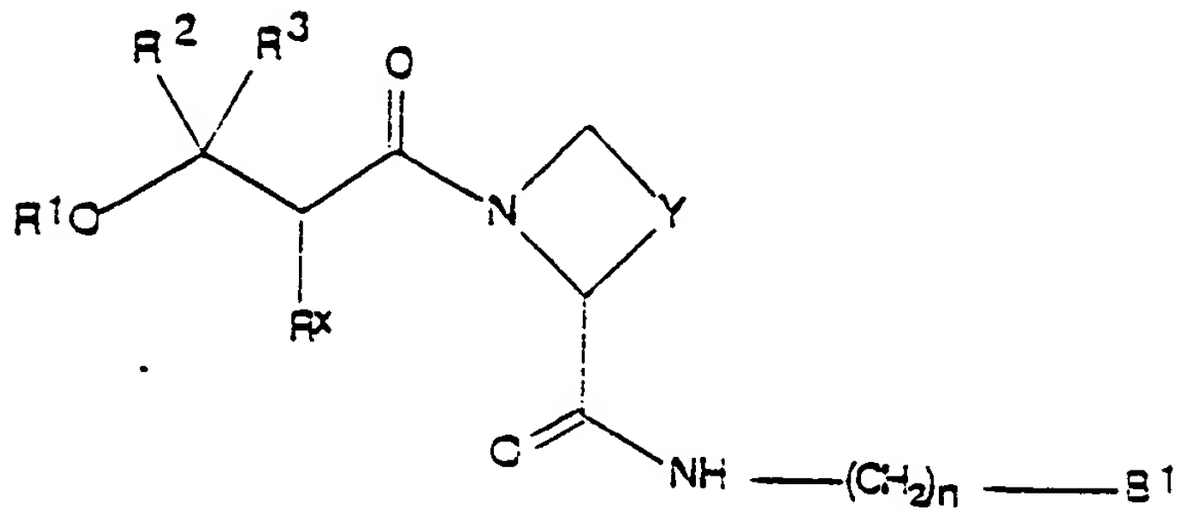
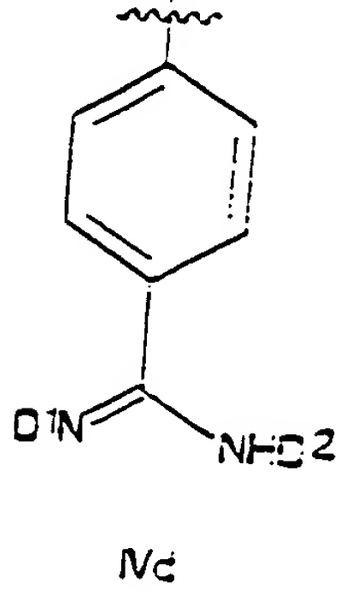
Version Showing Changes Made

17. (currently amended) A compound of formula Ia,

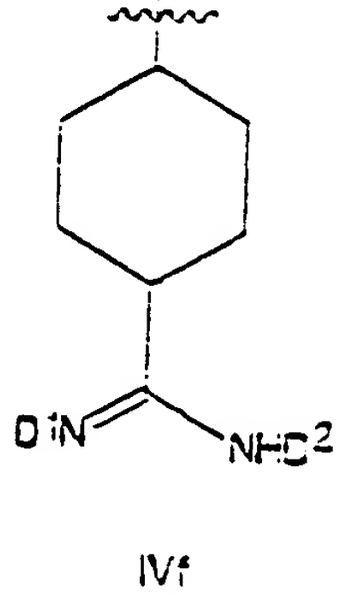


Ia

wherein B^1 represents a structural fragment of formula IVd or IVf



IVd



IVf

wherein D^1 and D^2 independently represent H, OH, OR^a, $OC(O)R^b$, $OC(O)OR^c$,

$C(O)OR^d$, or $C(O)R^e$ and R^a, R^b, R^c, R^d and R^e independently represent phenyl, benzyl, $(CH_2)_2)OC(O)CH_3$ or C_{1-6} alkyl which latter group is optionally interrupted by oxygen;

~~and R^1, R^2, R^3, R*, Y and n are as defined in claim 1,~~

R^1 represents H, $C(O)R^{11}$, $SiR^{12}R^{13}R^{14}$ or C_{1-6} alkyl which latter group is optionally substituted or terminated by one or more substituent selected from the group consisting of OR^{15} and $(CH_2)_qR^{16}$;

R^{12}, R^{13} and R^{14} independently represent H, phenyl or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{16} represents C_{1-4} alkyl, phenyl, OH, $C(O)OR^{17}$ or $C(O)N(H)R^{18}$;

R^{18} represents H, C_{1-4} alkyl or $CH_2C(O)OR^{19}$;

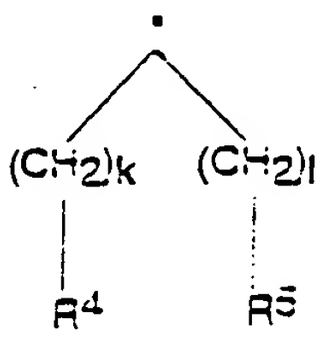
R^{15} and R^{17} independently represent H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{7-9} alkylphenyl;

R^{11} and R^{19} independently represent H or C_{1-4} alkyl; and

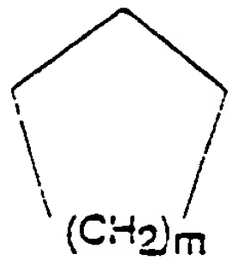
q represents 0, 1 or 2;

R^2 and R^3 are both hydrogen;

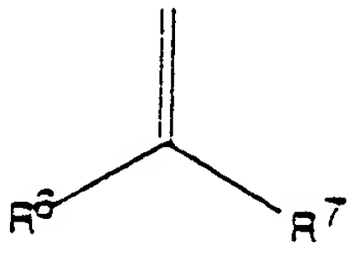
R^x represents a structural fragment of formula IIa, IIb or IIc,



IIa



IIb



IIc

wherein

k, l and m independently represent 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^4 and R^5 independently represent H, $Si(Me)_3$, 1- or 2-naphthyl, a polycyclic hydrocarbyl group, $CHR^{41}R^{42}$ or C_{1-4} alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more fluorine atoms), or C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, phenyl, methylenedioxyphenyl, benzodioxanyl, benzofuranyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzimidazolyl, coumaranonyl, coumarinyl or dihydrocoumarinyl (which latter twelve groups are optionally substituted by one or more of C_{1-4} alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO_2NH_2, C(O)OH or $N(H)R^{43}$);

R^{41} and R^{42} independently represent cyclohexyl or phenyl;

R^6 and R^7 independently represent H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, phenyl (which latter group is are optionally substituted by one or more of C_{1-4} alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO_2NH_2, C(O)OH or $N(H)R^{44}$) or together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl ring;

R^{43} and R^{44} independently represent H or $C(O)R^{45}$; and

R^{45} represents H, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

Y represents $(CH_2)_2$, CH=CH, $(CH_2)_3$, CH_2CH=CH or CH=$CHCH_2$, which latter three groups are optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl, methylene, oxo or hydroxy;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

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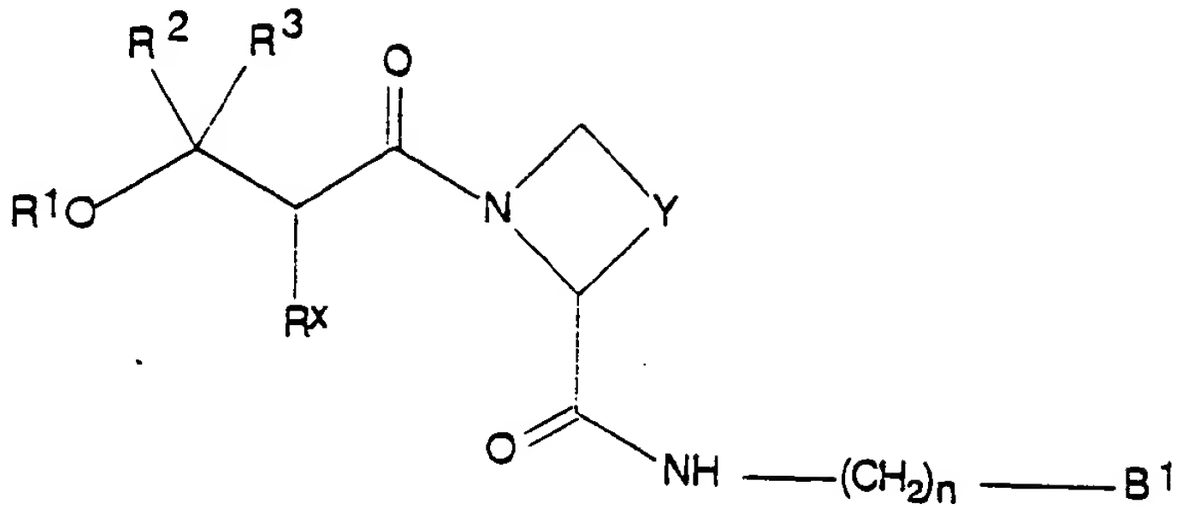

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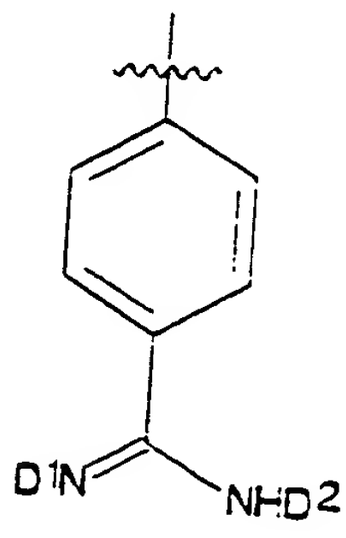

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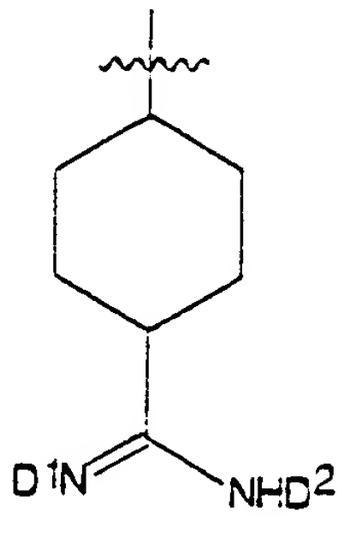

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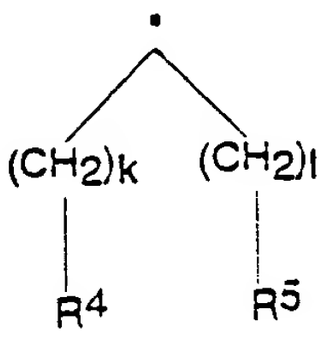

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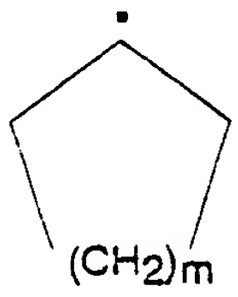

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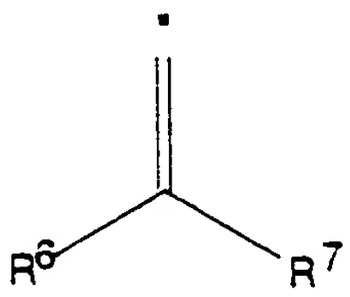

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